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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

A battalion of the Tenth U. S. infantry left Charleston on the steamer Saratoga for Cuba. —— Seventy-ninth annual banquet of the New England Society, given at the Charleston hotel. —— The minority report on the Army bill, to be offered as a substitute for the Hall bill, will provide for a standing army of 30,000, and 50,000 additional volunteers, to be enlisted for two years; the present volunteers to be mustered out. —— Under instructions from Washington Gen. Lee is feeding the Cubans in Havana, many of whom were starving; Major Harrison was reprimanded for raising the stars and stripes over Fort Antares. ——A well-dressed woman, unknown, about 35 years old, committed suicide in the Chittenden hotel, New York city. —— Over 25,000 persons in Philadelphia are suffering from grip; a number have died. —— Three men made an unsuccessful attempt to steal a large amount of money from a bank in Cincinnati; they ran and escaped arrest. —— Dev. Dr. Moses D. Hoge is sinking steadily; all hope of his recovery is abandoned. —— Revenue raiders on the Virginia-North Carolina border captured three moonshiners and destroyed illicit distilleries. ——A private of the Sixth Virginia volunteers (colored) shot and killed by a street-car conductor in Macon, Ga., whom the negro assaulted; a threatening demonstration was made by the negroes. —— New York markets: Money on call steady at 2@2½ per cent., the last loan being at 2 per cent.; cotton firm, middling uplands 5 13-16c; flour was more active and stronger; wheat—spot firmer, No. 2 red 78½c; corn—spot easier, No. 2, 43½c; rosin steady; strained common to good $1 40; spirits turpentine firm at 43½@44c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 22.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 59 deg.; 8 P.M., 62 deg.; maximum, 69 deg.; minimum, 56 deg.; mean, 78 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .02; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 2.18.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, December 22.—For North Carolina—Clearing in the early morning; much colder; fresh to brisk southerly winds, becoming northwesterly.

Port Almanac---Dec. 23.

Sun Rises	7.08 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.50 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 45 M.
High Water at Southport	4.10 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	6.40 A. M.

Bavaria ought to be able to make her mark. She has twenty-eight pencil factories which turn out 4,000,000 black and 300,000 colored pencils every week.

In Philadelphia engineers of automobiles, or road carriages, are prohibited from blowing horns because the sound is too sudden and startling. If there is anything a rural Philadelphian doesn't like it is to be startled.

An Ohio man charged with murder pleaded that he wasn't there when the murder was committed and that he was insane besides. He took the double-barrel plea as a precaution against one of them hanging fine which might hang him or electrocute him, which is even more shocking to a man, who objects to leaving hurriedly.

A German ship shadower who has been keeping tally on the ships at sea, has found that the daily average of sailing vessels on the Atlantic for this year was 3,651 with 44,899 men in their crews, and 1,504 steamers with 53,263 men in their crews. There were 32,562 passengers on these ships, making a total of 130,727 people afloat every day in 5,155 vessels.

It is said that San Francisco, with its system of artificial lakes, has now the best water supply of any city in this country. The widow Hearst is ambitious to make it not only the best watered, but the most beautiful city in the world and is elaborating a plan that will do it if the citizens and property owners co-operate with her. San Francisco, with its perpetual growing weather and fine harbor, is a city that can be easily beautified.

A short while ago a woman got lost in New York, and got so badly lost that she couldn't find her name, which she had forgotten. After forty-eight hours the police, by telegraphing and otherwise, discovered her name and her home. Since then a 23-year old chap from New Jersey has turned up with plenty of money, but he, too, has forgotten his name. They haven't succeeded in locating him yet. A similar case occurred in Greensboro some time ago, where a young man turned up who had forgotten his name and everything else about himself. It turned out that he was an absent-minded, wandering son of South Carolina, and was sent home.

A young man, a messenger for a New York firm, who was carrying some packages from a bank to his employers' office, carelessly dropped in succession three packages. A policeman saw it, walked after him and picked up the three packages and delivered them where they belonged. These packages contained $32,000 in securities and cash. The policeman got a Christmas turkey, and we are inclined to think that the young man got the bounce.

China is very convenient as a sort of an old junk shop for European nations. Russia has just succeeded in dumping on her 500,000 antiquated and played out rifles. But one gun is about as good as another for a Chinaman.

Russia has just ordered 6,000 new rapid-fire guns as one of the proofs of the Czar's sincerity in his proposed reduction of the standing armies and the navies of Europe.

The American people spend about $40,000,000 a year on toys, but they spend a good deal of money more foolishly.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Clyde Line—Sailing days.
D. Newman & Son—A card.
L. W. Bates—What's the use.
Wil. Sav. & Trust Co.—Deposit.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Fireworks.
Germania Lodge, K. of P.—Notice.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

For Sale—Camera.
J. T. Burke—Jewelry.
P. H. Smith—Country produce.
W. P. Oldham & Co.—Strawb'y wine

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. H. G. Connor, of Wilson, was registered at The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. S. B. Lewis, of Lumberton, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

— Miss Potts, of Lake Waccamaw, was in the city shopping for Christmas yesterday.

— Mr. Raymond Humphrey is at home from Pantop's Academy, near Charlottesville, to spend the holidays.

— Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Walton, of Florence, S. C., arrived in the city yesterday to spend the holidays with relatives.

— Miss Martha Williams returned last night from a visit to friends and relatives in Fayetteville and Manchester.

— Mrs. W. J. Waren returned last night from Salisbury, where she has been for several weeks, the guest of relatives.

— Mr. W. J. Davis, of Brunswick Senator-elect from the 10th district, was among the visitors to the STAR office yesterday.

— Miss Douglas Smith, daughter of Capt. James Smith, of the *Compton*, returned last night from a visit to relatives in Fayetteville.

— Miss Grace E. White, one of Wilmington's charming young ladies, leaves to-day for Charlotte to spend the holidays with friends.

— Mr. D. E. McKeithan, who has just returned from Campville, Fla., was in the city yesterday. He will reside in the future at Southport,

— Miss Harper, daughter of Capt. J. W. Harper, of the steamer *Wilmington*, is at home from Salem Female College to spend the Christmas season.

—Miss Clarabelle VanDyke member of the Senior class, Salem Female College, arrived last night to spend the holidays with Col. and Mrs. W. F. Foster.

— Mr. W. H. Hargrove, of Kelly's, Bladen county, was a STAR visitor yesterday. He was full of enthusiasm over the great Democratic victory in his county.

— Mr. Geo. O. Gaylord and bride (nee Miss Mattie Freeman) have returned from an extended bridal tour of Northern cities and are at home at No. 120 Orange street, corner Second.

— Mr. J. A. Cavanaugh, of Hallsboro, called at the STAR office last evening. Mr. Cavanaugh was president of the White Government Union at Hallsboro and contributed largely to the success of the Democrats in Columbus county in the recent election.

— Miss Sarah Burkhead, the talented stenographer in the office of the Attorney General at Raleigh, passed through the city yesterday en route to her home at Whiteville to spend the Christmas holidays. While in this city she was the guest of Mrs. W. E. Springer.

— Mr. George W. Prince, superintendent of the Wilmington office of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, leaves to-day for Sussux county, Virginia, where he goes to spend Christmas with his mother, who resides at Stony Creek in that county. Before returning to Wilmington he will visit Danville, where he will be the guest of his sister, Mrs. E. T. Parham.

For Sergeant-at-Arms.

Capt. Jas. B. Smith, ex-Sheriff of Cumberland county, and one of the best known and most popular Democrats in the State, is a candidate for Sergeant at-Arms of the State Senate. In addition to his undoubted qualifications for the place, he has a record as a faithful, working Democrat that entitles him to most favorable consideration. "Jim" is going to be a hard man to beat.

THE CRUISER HORNET A DAY OVERDUE.

Not Sighted at Southport Up to Midnight. Probably Belated by Fogs—Expected To-day.

The *Hornet*, the converted yacht loaned the North Carolina Naval Reserves by the United States government and now making the voyage from the Norfolk navy yard to this port, under the command of Commander Geo. L. Morton and manned by Wilmington and Southport Naval Reserves, is very much belated, presumably by the dense fogs which have prevailed all along the South Atlantic coast for the past several days.

STAR readers will remember that the cruiser left Norfolk for Wilmington Monday, was detained at Hampton Roads until Tuesday afternoon at 4.20 o'clock by the fogs, and at the hour named resumed her voyage, in company with the cruiser *Resolute*, from League Island to Havana. The *Hornet* was therefore at midnight last night about twenty-four hours overdue at Southport and had not been sighted.

It is thought that the dense fogs have caused her to put in at some inlet affording harbor at which there is no telegraphic communication with the outside world. And that she will steam into port with all safe on board as soon as the weather clears.

The vessel is one of the most staunch of its class in the United States navy and few if any navigators are more familiar with the "ins and outs" of the coast intervening between here and Norfolk than is Lieutenant T. M. Morse, who is directing the course of the cruiser.

It is very probable that the boat will come safely into port sometime to-day.

ANNUAL MEETING.

New Hanover Medical Society Met Last Night—Officers Elected and Other Matters Discussed.

The annual meeting of the New Hanover Medical Society was held last night at the office of Dr. W. D. McMillan, on Princess street.

There was a good attendance and much enthusiasm was manifested. Dr. Wm. J. Love, president of the Society, was at his post and Dr. F. H. Russell secretary.

Upon motion, Dr. C. P. Wertenbaker was elected an honorary member of the organization.

Many matters of interest to the medical fraternity were informally discussed, and among other things for the new year, it was decided to hold regular monthly meetings of the society, at each of which two papers are to be prepared and read by different members on live subjects of interest to physicians. The first of these will be read at the regular meeting for the month of January. These meetings will be held at the office of Dr. McMillan, superintendent of health.

Nominations were received for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and Dr. W. C. Galloway was chosen president and Dr. F. H. Russell re-elected secretary.

The following resolutions were adopted, to wit:

Whereas, Dr. George Gillette Thomas has retired from private practice to accept the position of Chief Surgeon to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and

Whereas, his fellow members of the New Hanover County Medical Society, recognizing the loss to the community of his valuable professional services, and desiring to express their esteem for him, and their regret at his retirement, be it resolved,

1. That we deeply regret having one who stands so high in his profession, and whose marked skill was always so cheerfully and promptly at the disposal of his professional brethren, retire from practice among us.

2. That we heartily extend to him our best wishes in his new work, and hope that he may be as successful in that line as he was distinguished in private practice. We congratulate his new co-workers upon the acquisition of a physician, learned in his profession, scholarly in his attainments, and genial and welcome in every relation in life.

3. That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the Society, a copy sent to Dr. Thomas, and one to each of the local newspapers for publication.

There being no further business for the consideration of the society, an adjournment was taken until the regular meeting in January, the exact date of which has not yet been definitely settled.

Came to Inspect Rice.

Claudius Dockery, Esq., returned to the city yesterday from Castle Hayne, where he went to inspect the rice raised on the State farms which is now being prepared for the market. Mr. Dockery is official rice inspector under appointment of State authorities. To a member of the STAR staff he said last night that 10,000 bushels of rice were raised on the State farms by convict labor. The crop required the labor of thirty-five convicts and the greater acreage was lands only reclaimed from marshy wastes last year. The quality of the rice, he says, is very good. He will return to his home in Rockingham to-day.

Married in Florence.

There was a wedding in Florence, S. C., last Wednesday night in which a number of Wilmington people were interested. It was that of Mrs. Nora George, of Masonboro Sound, to Mr. George N. Lewis, of Florence. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's brother, Mr. Amos Walton, at 9 o'clock, by Rev. Dr. H. R. Mosley, of the Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis will make their home in Florence.

REMAINS A MYSTERY.

Coroner's Jury Fails to Fix Responsibility for Killing of the Young Negro Boy.

The killing of the negro boy, Samuel Hall, who was found early Wednesday morning in Perkin's field in the outskirts of the city, still remains a mystery. The coroner's jury re-assembled at the Court House yesterday morning and after an investigation into the circumstances of his death, lasting for nearly three hours, they were unable to place the responsibility for his death upon any of the various colored boys to whom suspicion naturally pointed yesterday.

The verdict of the jury, after inquiring into all the facts and circumstances of the death and hearing all the evidence procurable, was as follows:

"That the deceased came to his death from the effects of a gunshot wound fired by some party or parties to the jury unknown."

The gist of the evidence from which the jury reached the above conclusion is as follows:

Samuel Hall, father of the boy, identified the body as that of his son and made affidavit that he had reason to believe that he came to his death by the criminal act or negligence of some one unknown, or by his own hand.

Dr. McMillan, Superintendent of Health, testified as to the *post mortem* examination as published in yesterday's STAR.

Lewis Firman testified to having seen three colored men in the woods, two of whom carried shot-guns and the third with what he believed to be a riot gun. This was about three miles from the city. He later saw them in the city.

Chas. Washington testified that he saw Wash McRae with the Hall boy on Church street.

Geo. Miller testified that he saw McRae and the Hall boy together. The Hall boy had a pistol with the barrel full of balls. They went in the direction of Perkin's field. They stated to him that they were going into the woods hunting.

Horace Kelly testified that he saw a crowd of colored and white boys around a fire in Perkins' field. He was raking straw. Did not see any shots fired.

Abram St. George testified as to having seen MacRae and the Hall boy together about 11 or 12 o'clock in the forenoon of Tuesday.

The MacRae boy, to whom suspicion pointed, told substantially the same story as he gave in the jail Wednesday night. He confessed to having been with the boy about 10 o'clock, but he left him and went home to carry dinner to several persons down town. He returned to his home at night and did not see the Hall boy any more.

The evidence being insufficient to hold the MacRae boy, he was discharged from custody.

Constable Sheehan, who arrested MacRae, testified as to a conversation held between MacRae and some of his companions, while under arrest. It was, however, not sufficient to hold any one for the Criminal Court.

JUSTICE M'GOWAN'S COURT.

Emanuel Toomer for Religious Reasons Abandoned His Wife and Was Indicted—Other Cases.

Justice McGowan had an interesting case before his court yesterday. Emanuel Toomer, colored, was charged with having abandoned his wife and child. Toomer appeared before the court and set up as his plea that he had lately been converted to a religious belief, advocated by a San Domingo negro, calling himself "Saint Espree," which forbade his living longer with his wife, who refused to entertain a similar belief. "Saint Espree," as he is peculiarly known by his flock of eighteen followers in the city, represents himself to be a supernatural being, and has created quite a stir among the negro population. Toomer, the negro who was tried, stated that he was perfectly willing to support his wife, but could no longer live with one who would not embrace his religion.

The evidence was not sufficient to convict Toomer, and Justice McGowan let him off with a very stern warning not to fail to support his wife and to abandon his hopes of converting her to his queer doctrine.

Satyra Bunting, colored, was tried for the larceny of $12 from a Fort Caswell soldier, but the evidence was not sufficient to convict and she was discharged.

Jno. Burgaw, the negro sent over to Justice McGowan from the City Court was committed to jail in default of $50 justified bond for his appearance at Criminal Court. The other cases against Burgaw were continued until to-day for lack of witnesses.

Constable Sheehan yesterday landed Jno. Lewis, colored, in jail on two warrants nearly a year old, which his predecessors failed to execute. He will be tried to-day for stealing provisions, a gold watch and some money from Mr. Ben Kuhlken, who has a grocery store, corner Sixth and Brunswick streets.

New Paper For Fayetteville.

An extract from a personal letter to a gentleman in this city announces that Mr. H. I. McDuffie, who published a red-hot Democratic paper in Morehead City during the late campaign, is soon to commence in Fayetteville, the publication of a daily and weekly paper. Mr. McDuffie is a journalist of experience and ability, and the STAR wishes him success.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Tar was quoted yesterday active at $1.10 per barrel of 280 pounds.

— Register of Deeds Biddle yesterday issued marriage license to Louis Ruffin and Mary Hill, colored.

— The Wilmington public schools will close to-day for the holidays. The Spring term will open on Tuesday after new year.

— Only 489 bales of cotton were received on the Wilmington market yesterday. On the corresponding day last year there were 2,311 bales received.

— Among the wheelmen of the city who lost wheels by the burning of Mr. C. H. O'Berry's repair shop Wednesday night were Messrs. Tom Platt and Alf Ellis.

— Spirits turpentine advanced one-half cent yesterday, being quoted at 40@40½ cents, the highest mark reached perhaps in ten years. The receipts were 31 casks.

— The Atlantic Coast Line train due here at 5.45 o'clock yesterday afternoon was nearly two hours late on account of heavy passenger and express traffic incident to the holiday season.

— For the first time since the new city administration took the reins of government, there was no Mayor's Court yesterday. There was one case on the docket, but the defendant failed to appear and it was continued.

— Mr. T. H. Johnson, clerk of the Front street market, authorizes the announcement that the various markets of the city will close Saturday at 11 P. M. and not open again until 6 A. M. on the following Tuesday.

— Captain C. C. Tilghman, of Charleston, is running as conductor in charge of A. C. L. train No. 55, which leaves here at 3:45 P. M. for Florence. He is serving in the stead of Capt. Samuel Carmon, who is taking his Christmas vacation.

A QUIET HOME WEDDING YESTERDAY.

The Marriage of Miss Lila H. Morrison to Mr. S. P. Adams—Ceremony by Dr. Carmichael.

A quiet home wedding in which many Wilmington people were much interested was that of Miss Lila H. Morrison to Mr. S. P. Adams, celebrated yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of the bride, corner Fifth and Princess streets.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. James Carmichael, D. D., rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, in the presence of a company of relatives and intimate friends. The only bridal attendant was Mr. Frank H. Stedman, best man. The parlor was tastefully decorated for the occasion.

The bride is one of Wilmington's most accomplished ladies, and the groom is an estimable gentleman and efficient business man, holding an important position in the civil engineering department of the Atlantic Coast Line offices in this city.

Many handsome presents attested the popularity of bride and groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams left on the 3.45 A. C. L. train yesterday afternoon for an extended tour of places of interest South. New Orleans will be among the cities visited.

THE LATE THOS. B. LIPPITT.

Funeral Conducted Yesterday Afternoon From St. James' Episcopal Church by Dr. Robert Strange.

The funeral of the late Thomas B. Lippitt, the announcement of whose death was received with many expressions of regret by numerous friends in the city and country, was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock from St. James' Episcopal Church. The services were conducted by Dr. Robert Strange, rector of St. James' Church, in the presence of a large assemblage of his friends and relatives.

Cape Fear Camp No. 254, United Confederate Veterans, of which he was a loyal and valued member, attended the services in a body.

After the services at the church the remains, accompanied by the camp of Confederate veterans and many friends was taken to Oakdale cemetery, where the interment was made.

Many beautiful floral tributes were laid upon the grave by friends of the deceased and family.

The pall-bearers who were present and acted on the sad occasion were:

Honorary—Col. J. W. Atkinson, Capt. Wilkes Morris, Dr. W. W. Harriss and Col. T. C. McIlhenny.

Active—Messrs. E. S. Martin, A. A. Brown, J. Alvis Walker, J. H. Boatwright, H. C. McQueen, R. N. Sweet, L. S. Belden and Col. Roger Moore.

Hunting and Fishing Excellent.

Mr. James Swann, of the firm of Inman, Swann & Co., New York, who has been at Orton plantation the past ten days, the guest of Col. K. M. Murchison, left last night for his home.

He spends a few days with Col. Murchison every season, and pronounces this one of the most enjoyable trips he has yet made. Hunting and fishing, he says, were excellent. He had especial luck yesterday morning, having bagged a fox, a large wild turkey gobbler and a fat o'possum.

Mr. Grant Appointed.

Sheriff MacRae yesterday announced the appointment of Mr. R. Oscar Grant, of Wrightsville, as a deputy. Other appointments will be made as occasion demands.

ESTEEMED AND VENERABLE GERMAN CITIZEN DEAD.

Mr. Peter Blomme Died Last Night. Funeral This Afternoon from His Late Residence.

Mr. Peter Blomme, one of Wilmington's oldest German citizens, died last night, at 9 o'clock, at his late residence, corner Fifth and Campbell streets, after a brief illness.

The deceased was in the 60th year of his age and has been a resident of this city since the civil war. He was born in Ghent, Belgium, in 1839, and during the war between the States ran on a blockade vessel between Wilmington and Nassau, of the Bahama islands.

At the close of the war Mr. Blomme opened a baker's shop on the corner of Fourth and Red Cross streets. Subsequently he moved to the corner of Fifth and Campbell streets, where at the time of his death he was conducting a prosperous bakery.

An aged wife, two sons and two daughters survive him. The sons are Messrs. Chas. and J. W. Blomme, both of this city, the latter having an interest in the bakery business, on Fifth and Campbell streets. The daughters are Mesdames J. B. J. Sandlin and W. H. Howe, both of this city.

Mr. Blomme was a member of of the Lutheran Church and also of Germania Lodge No. 4 Knights of Pythias. The members of the lodge will attend the funeral in a body. The service will be conducted from the late residence at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

THE PEANUT TRUST.

It is Seeking to Fix the Price of a Crop of 2,600,000 Bushels.

[*New York Journal.*]

The last official estimate of the peanut crop in the United States placed it at 2,600,000 bushels.

The arms of the octopus are reaching out. A peanut trust is in process of forming. It is nearly completed. It will soon be consummated.

Its objects are: To improve the peanut, to control the price, and to extend the blessings of the American peanut to the colonies of the United States and to the peoples of foreign lands.

Upon the face of it there appears nothing sinister in this latest trust, and the usual tale is told by its promoters of how the control of this immense market will be of benefit to the producer and the consumer alike. But that remains to be seen.

If the trust seeks to place the sale of the peanut in a few hands, to quell the competition of small venders, to centralize the distribution, thousands will be hurled into idleness and all its concomitants of deviltry.

Most of the peanuts are raised in the Carolinas. Georgia is a great producer of them also.

The deal has been conducted by former Governor Cameron, of Ohio, and a Mr. Weatherby, of New York, who, dispatches to the *Journal* say, have just completed a tour of the South and made arrrangements with peanut cleaning establishments for handling their outputs. They have got the most of the cleaning factories into the trust, and think that the combination will be completed within two weeks.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—195 bales cotton, 4 barrels rosin, 5 barrels tar, 5 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—27 bales cotton, 13 casks spirits turpentine, 31 barrels rosin, 253 barrels tar, 31 barrels crude turpentine.

Carolina Central Railroad—1 bale cotton, 50 barrels rosin, 45 barrels tar, 26 barrels crude turpentine.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—11 bales cotton, 16 casks spirits turpentine, 72 barrels rosin, 145 barrels tar, 16 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer Croesus—48 barrels tar, 4 barrels crude turpentine.

C. Larkin's flat—1 bale cotton, 225 barrels tar.

Steamer Frank Sessoms—8 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 15 barrels rosin, 197 barrels tar, 3 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—Cotton, 489 bales; spirits turpentine, 31 casks; rosin, 172 barrels; tar, 918 barrels; crude turpentine, 85 barrels.

Inquiring For Stray Mules.

Police headquarters at the City Hall was besieged last night with telephone inquiries for stray mules. Mr. Lane, the night janitor, told a STAR reporter that up to 2.30 o'clock this morning he had answered no less than eighteen enquires of this kind, all of them evidently coming from different parties in various sections of the city. No loose mules had been reported by patrolmen. Mr. Lane thinks that a company of men at some of the cart-houses were getting on their Christmas drunk and allowed their mules to get away from them.

The Anderson Trophies.

The Spanish-American war trophies presented by Lieutenant Edwin A. Anderson to the Wilmington Division Naval Reserves have been stored away in the armory of the Division. The submarine mine has a conspicuous place in the middle of the Assembly room. The smaller trophies are arranged with appropriate labels in an upright show-case, and the Mauser rifle is stowed away in the magazine.

Santa Claus Coming To-day

Miss. M. L. Alderman received a telegram from Santa Claus announcing that he will visit her select school on Fourth street near Market this morning at 9 o'clock. The telegram also brought the news that Mrs. Santa Claus will not accompany him inasmuch as she is with the children in Cuba. Miss Alderman says that friends of the children are invited to call at 9 o'clock and meet Santa Claus.

WHAT BETTER CHRISTMAS PRESENT COULD YOU GIVE A CHILD THAN A DEPOSIT IN

THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS AND TRUST COMPANY.

Results if you Deposit Something Each Week.

$ 1	a week for 5 years	you will have	$ 286
$ 2	" " " "	" "	572
$ 3	" " " "	" "	858
$ 4	" " " "	" "	1144
$ 5	" " " "	" "	1430
$10	" " " "	" "	2860
$15	" " " "	" "	4290
$ 1	" " for 10 years	" "	1,687
$ 2	" " " "	" "	3,374
$ 3	" " " "	" "	5,061
$ 4	" " " "	" "	6,748
$ 5	" " " "	" "	8,435
$10	" " " "	" "	16,870
$15	" " " "	" "	25,305

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CAPE FEAR AND YADKIN.

Some Guesses As to Buyers—A New Rumor About the Seaboard Air Line.

[*News and Observer.*]

The Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad will be sold next Thursday—just one week from to-day.

The Seaboard Air Line will not buy it as is commonly supposed. If it gets it at all will lease it. The lessor will be the Baltimore committee, headed by Col. Blackford.

The lease is already drawn and will probably finally be executed, but it is by no means a certainty that it will be. Within the last few days the Southern Railway has been manifesting much interest in the road, and last night it was stated by an official who is on the inside of things that the Southern is backed by the New York committee and will certainly be a strong bidder.

"The Southern," my informant went on to say, "wants the road to prevent competition with the Seaboard at Greensboro and farther west.

"And this for a similar reason brings in another bidder at the other end of the line—the Atlantic Coast Line. It does not want the Seaboard invading its territory in the southern part of the State, or the Southern either, for that matter.

"Then, of course, there are benefits to come to either of these systems from the ownership of this important line through the State. Run in connection with either one of the three systems above named it would be valuable property."

As the stockholders represented by the Baltimore part of the first lien bonds, it is probable that they will be willing to bid more than any one else and thereby the Seaboard will acquire the property. The lease for it, which has already been drawn in anticipation of such an outcome of the sale, conveys the property to the Seaboard Air Line system for a term of years at an annual rental of 4 per cent. on $3,000,000.

The minimum bid that will be accepted at the sale will be $2,000,000.

AFFAIRS IN MAXTON.

Death of Capt. Aydlott—Rev. Mr. Bradshaw—An Aged Colored Woman.

[*Star Correspondence.*]

MAXTON, N. C., Dec. 22.

Capt. M. J. Aydlott, aged 69 years, who was in charge of a trestle force on the Carolina Central railway for the past thirty years, died Tuesday night, after a brief illness of three days. The funeral services were held in the Methodist Church this evening, and the remains interred in Oak Hill cemetery. Deceased was held in high esteem by his neighbors and numerous friends. He leaves a widow and six children, all of whom are grown.

Rev. Mr. Bradshaw, one of the best preachers in the State, has been returned to Maxton, to the delight of all our people. He arrived from Norfolk Wednesday in time to officiate at the funeral of Capt. Aydlott. He will fill his pulpit Sunday morning.

"Aunt Liz," colored, one of the first residents of Maxton, and who must have been at least one hundred years old, died here last week. She had been blind for several years.

— The regular, *bona fide* circulation of THE MORNING STAR is much larger than that of any other daily newspaper published in Wilmington.

DIED.

BLOMME—In this city, December 22nd, at 9 P. M., Mr. P. BLOMME, aged 59 years.

Funeral at 3:30 P. M. to-day from his late residence, corner Fifth and Campbell streets. Interment at Oakdale cemetery. Relatives and friends invited.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A CARD.

It affords us pleasure to say that the Insurance on our stock, which was damaged by smoke on the night of the 21st, was with the agency of Col. Walker Taylor, who promptly adjusted the same yesterday to our entire satisfaction; settlement being made within eighteen hours after the loss.

de 23 1t* D. NEW[illegible]N & SON.

Attention—Members of Germania Lodge No. 4, K. of P.

You are hereby ordered to appear at your Castle Hall at 2.30 o'clock this Friday afternoon, to attend the funeral of our deceased brother, Peter Blomme. By order of Chancellor Commander

J. W. DULS.
JNO. HAAR, JR., K. of R. and S. de 23 1t

FIREWORKS! FIREWORKS!

I HAVE THEM AND THEY MUST BE SOLD AT A

GREAT REDUCTION.

Come and get prices on Cannon Crackers, Sky Rockets and Roman Candles. Don't forget my X-mas Candies and Fruits, Nuts, &c.

JOHN W. PLUMMER, Jr.
de 23 tf 123 Princess street.

What's the Use of Walking

when you can ride just as cheap? Now is the time to buy a bargain in a good horse. I have on hand a few nice Horses that must be sold out at your own figures, as I must make room for a large consignment of Horses and Mules that will arrive about the first of January. All stock guaranteed as represented.

L. W. BATES,

at Davis' Stables, on Market between Second and Third streets. de 23 tf

NEWS FROM THE PENINSULA

Is to the effect that our justly celebrated

Peninsula Stoves and Ranges

are giving perfect satisfaction to all who have tried them.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE THEM.

We can also supply you with everything in the HARDWARE and HOUSE FURNISHING line at Bottom Prices.

REMEMBER THE PLACE.

J. W. MURCHISON.

no 24 tf

HIGHWAY MONOPOLY.

We have worked the Cigar business as we have done the Cured Hog Product, and have succeeded because the goods were notoriously superior to anything ever offered the retail trade before in quality, style, and equal to what was sold for ten cent—hence our success—not us but the goods were meritorious; so we are called "Monopoly." We do however, with pride say we will sell a half million of these Cigars this year and hope the consumer will demand

Cuban Blossom, Renown, Smokettes, Topical Twist.

The Best 5c Cigars Sold.

For Xmas we carry small boxes high grade Cigars and isolicit Inquiries from the trade—to whom we sell exclusively.

Vollers & Hashagen,

de 18 tf Wholesale only.

10,000 FLORIDA ORANGES.

$2.00 Per 100 or 50 Oranges for $1.00

At Palace Bakery.

de 20 tf

CHRISTMAS GOODS.

Mixed Nuts (new crop) at 16 cents per pound.
Dried Figs at 10 cents per pound.
Grecian Dates 10c per pound, 3 pounds for 25c.
Baldwin Apples 40 cents per peck.
Huffordston Apples 50 cents per peck.
King Apples, the best, 60 cents per peck.
Bananas 10 and 12 cents per dozen.
Florida Oranges 20 cents per dozen.
West India Oranges 25 cents per dozen.
Jamaica Oranges 35 and 40 cents per dozen.
Hand-made Cream Bon Bons 10c per pound, regular price 20 cents.
All kinds of Mixed Taffeys 10c per pound.
Chocolate Drops 13c; 2 pounds for 25c.
Cocoanut Cream 15c; 2 pounds for 25c
Cocoanut Choco ate Cream 15c; 2 lbs. for 25c.
Sugar Coated Peanuts 15c, 2 pounds for 25c.
Peanut Brittle 10c, 2 pounds for 25c.
Cocoanut Balls dipped in Cream 30c; 3 pounds for 50c.
Hand-made Chocolate Bon Bons 20c; 3 lbs. for 50c. Elsewhere you pay for same Bon Bons 40c per pound.
Candy put up in nice Fancy Boxes from 10 to 50c. Fresh Candy made every day.

N. PAUL,
de 17 1w 204 Princess street.

AN EVACUATION

Has taken place with our stock, but we are yet equal to the emergency.

BY STEAMER TO-DAY:

50 Barrels Apples,
2000 C. C. Nuts,
20 Boxes Raisins,
5000 Oranges,
200 Boxes Penny Candy,
50 Boxes Fire-crackers.

Also, lots other goods. Prices and satisfaction guaranteed.

LOVE & FLYNN,

Wholesale Grocers, Wilmington, N. C.
de 11 1m

Butter, Butter.

22 Tubs Fox River Butter.
40 Boxes Raisins,
35 Boxes Mixed Nuts,
5500 C. C. Nuts,
75 Boxes Candy,
100 Boxes Firecrackers.

Also, Cheese, Crackers, and all other goods in my line.

D. L. GORE,

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DWELLING FOR RENT.

HOUSE on northeast corner Tenth and Princess streets, four rooms and kitchen. Everything in good order. Apply to

D. O'CONNOR,
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de 13 tf

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Communications, unless they contain important news or discuss briefly and properly subjects of real interest, are not wanted; and, if acceptable in every other way, they will invariably be rejected if the real name of the author is withheld.

Notices of Marriage or Death: Tributes of Respect, Resolutions of Thanks, &c., are charged for as ordinary advertisements, but only half rates when paid for strictly in advance. At this rate 50 cents will pay for a simple announcement of Marriage or Death.

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 23.

SECRET MACHINATIONS.

In discussing the question of expansion a couple days ago, referring especially to the Philippines, we spoke of the contingencies by which we might be confronted in the event we found ourselves antagonized by the Filipinos and it became necessary to use force to compel recognition of our authority. We said that in that event the Filipinos would in all probability have the covert if not the open assistance of European powers which may be jealous of our assertiveness or growing power. That we were not so far out is shown by the following Washington correspondence of the Philadelphia *Record*, under date of the 19th inst.:

"President McKinley proposes to hold the Philippines as against the European Powers with a strong hand, and in addition to Admiral Dewey's naval force, and the Oregon, Iowa and other ships on the way to Manila, contemplates sending additional vessels until our squadron is equal to any two of the Asiatic squadrons of European Powers. For obvious reasons of diplomacy the Administration cannot publicly avow its apprehensions respecting possible interference by one or more European Powers, but it was disclosed to-day that Germany, in particular, has aroused the suspicion of the Administration by meddling at Hongkong and Manila, secretly, in attempts to stir up the natives against the United States, for this is the form which foreign interference would take, inasmuch as neither Germany nor any other country would dare openly attack our authority in the archipelago.

Germany continues to profess friendship for the United States and to disclaim any purpose to interfere with our operations in the Philippines. But behind these official expressions has run ever since Admiral Dewey destroyed the Spanish fleet a series of unfriendly acts on the part of German naval and civil officials and German citizens at Hong Kong and Manila.

It was learned to-day that a large shipment of arms and ammunition, intended for Aguinaldo, was held up at Hong Kong recently by the British officials at the request of our representatives, and that, while it could not be officially demonstrated that Germans were back of the attempt to strenghen the insurgents for possible outbreak, our representatives were morally certain that Germans were at the bottom of the business.

Russian intrigue was the other possible cause of this peculiar transaction, but the burden of proof favored the theory that it was the work of Germans. President McKinley has realized all along that notwithstanding official professions, Germany, Russia and France, in the order named, were likely to meddle in the Philippines by secret dealings with the natives, and that every attempt would be made to stir up insurrection against our authority, with the view of making us withdraw in order that they might divide the islands among themselves.

"He saw this before most of his Cabinet officers could see it, and he has taken measures to prevent serious consequences, even against the advice of some of his cabinet officers. The sending of the Oregon and Iowa to Manila, which is now admitted to be their destination, was done by his direct personal orders, although members of his Cabinet told him they did not believe it was necessary.

"In view of a moral support of Great Britain, which is ready to be converted into physical support if necessary, as all the Powers understand, an open attack on our forces in the Philippines is out of the question, and gives the Administration no concern, but the secret machinations are already under way, and the Administration's purpose is to make them absolutely ineffectual."

It seems from this that the Administration is prepared to fight if necessary to retain our grip on the Philippines, and this is right if we propose to take a grip. What we do we must be prepared to defend by force if need be for national manhood and national honor would demand and make that imperative.

No one who has kept himself informed on the progress of events after the hostilities with Spain began has the least doubt that Spain had the sympathy and to some extent the secret support of some of the European powers, and there is as little doubt that it was only the well grounded belief in an understanding between this country, Great Britain and Japan which prevented this sympathy from taking the form of open assistance. We know of the offensive performances of that German Admiral in the harbor of Manila and how it became necessary for Admiral Dewey to demand an explanation and to give him to understand that such conduct would be no longer tolerated. The German commander found that there was a British ship in the harbor which would respond to any aggressive action taken by Admiral Dewey, and he shortly afterwards sailed for Hong Kong. These incidents are matters of history and with such evidences of unfriendliness what reason have we to believe that the power that showed them would not take advantage of any opportunity that presented itself to carry out the game that inspired this unfriendliness?

Few nations are actuated by purely disinterested motives, or by sentiment or humanity, whatever their professions may be. In nine cases out of ten, at least, they will be found to be actuated by selfish motives, in which neither sentiment, humanity nor honesty figure. As we are showing something of this ourselves in the policy of expansion, we need not be surprised to encounter some of it as the policy of expansion progresses. If we succeed, either by adroit management or by candid dealings, in placating and securing the acquiescence of the Filipinos, we may escape it; but if we so manage as to excite hostility, rendering force necessary to the assertion of authority, then the secret plotting will begin and the powers that failed to carry out their schemes while the war with Spain was in progress will give covert aid to the men who may resist the assertion of that authority. If circumstances give encouragement this covert assistance would soon be open and we would find the Philippines a very troublesome elephant. This might not be next year, nor the year after, but permanent occupation means permanent defence. Nations do not scheme nor plan for a day; they look ahead and plan for years hence. The property that we now get by a trade with Spain, may come to us quietly, and two, five or ten years hence we may have to wage vigorous and costly war to protect and hold it.

This is one of the contingencies that the advocates of this expansion policy should carefully consider, for it is not the assertion of authority at present which is the serious question, but the continued maintenance of that authority. That we can hold them against the Filipinos, if ugly, there is no doubt, but in the event they have the secret encouragement and aid of one or more European powers, holding them would be an exceedingly expensive business, in which we would lose inestimably more than we would gain. With the assertion of our authority over the Philippines with a view to permanent occupation, and to holding them as dependencies, the trouble will not be ended, but just begun.

THE PROPER COURSE.

A Washington dispatch published yesterday informs us that the treaty with Spain will be ratified without material opposition, the Democratic Senators having come to the conclusion that this is the proper course to pursue, as it undoubtedly is. Of course the Democratic or other Senators who are opposed to the policy of expansion as favored by the expansionists will vote for ratification with the distinct understanding that they do not thereby commit themselves to the policy of expansion, which must be afterwards considered on its own merits, when they will be guided by the lights before them and meet the conditions as they are then presented, which can be better done after the treaty is out of the way and Spain eliminated from the question.

It simplifies the case and leaves us free to deal with it without any entangling conditions, save the complications that may arise with the Filipinos, which may be averted by prudent action and candid declaration of purpose by this Government. Possibly by the time that the future disposition of the islands and our policy as to them may come up for consideration there will be a better insight into the conditions over there, and more knowledge of the actual conditions to guide future action. By that time we will know more about the people there, how they feel towards us, and what they expect, knowing which the course to pursue will be plainer and easier, provided our purpose is to take them into consideration in the final consideration of this question.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store.

Regular size 50c and $1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded. †

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

"BILL" M'KINLEY.

There has been some carping by a few white Republicans in the North over Mr. McKinley's utterances in his speeches in Georgia and Alabama, but none of them could touch with a forty foot pole the following from a speech made by T. Thomas Fortune, the editor of a negro organ published in New York, at a meeting of negroes held in Washington Saturday night. Among other things he said:

"I am glad the blessing of the Creator was asked for Bill McKinley for if anybody needs it he does. He is now down South gloryfying rebellion, mobocracy and murder of women and children.

"I wish that every negro stood where I stand. For thirty colored men who were murdered in Wilmington, thirty white assassins would now fill graves. I am a grandson of a Southern white villain, and he would lynch me for looking at a white woman. The biggest organization in this country is the so called Southern chivalry of the South. I despise Hayes, but he was a Solomon to this modern thing that comes from Ohio. I believe that the man who is false to his friends is false to his God. I want the man I fought for to fight for me, and if he don't I feel like stabbing him.

"If I had the power I would concentrate the Supreme Court into one large neck and then use the proverbial African razor. Grover Cleveland had more backbone in his big toe than McKinley has in his back. I want mixed schools, and I want mixed marriages; I want mixed churches, and I want equal rights in everything."

There have been a good many idiotic and ridiculous things said by negroes at those negro meetings, but for downright insolence and insanity this caps the climax, and it is by a negro who presumes to more their ordinary intelligence and plays the role of a leader and instructor of his race. He proclaims that he is the "grandson of a Southern white villain," and doubtless he inherits the baser traits of both races from which he has sprung without the redeeming traits of either.

If he be honest in his rabid utterances, he is an assassin at heart, and the only thing to prevent him from becoming an assassin in fact is the cowardice which keeps him where such utterances are perfectly safe. He wishes "every negro stood where he does," and it is perfectly safe to say that he will continue to stand where he does, at a safe distance from the people he denounces as murderers. The contents of the treasury of the United States could not tempt him to come South and make such a speech as that. Fortune is as much of a fraud as the "martyr" Manly.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Clinton *Democrat:* Mr. Geo. W. Hargrove died at his home near town on last Thursday, the 15th, after a lingering illness.

— Mount Olive *Advertiser*: Our truckers are laying in a supply of crates to be used in shipping the next berry crop. It is estimated by some of our growers that the crop of 1899 will be twenty-five per cent. larger than that of of 1898, which broke all previous records.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Deputy United States Marshal Morrisey, J. W. Maultsby and others made a raid on the moonshiners of lower Cumberland Tuesday night and seized two distilleries near Tar Heel, one of 80 gallons capacity and one of 120 gallons capacity.

— Concord *Standard*: Mr. Cal. McLain, who lives near Alexander line in Iredell, was coming from Statesville Wednesday night the 14th with a load of goods for his father, S. F. McLain, near Uashti. He was coming up by Bryantsville when he fell from his wagon and his foot caught in the double-tree. The team kept going and Mr. McLain was dragged for two or three miles. Two other wagons were along, but it was not disovered until they stopped to camp He was carried home where he died the next day.

— Goldsboro *Headlight*: After a three weeks' illness, Mr. Wm. F. Hill departed this life Sunday night at 11 o'clock at the home of his sister, Mrs. Peter Epps, in Eastern Goldsboro; aged 55 years. —— One of the worst little criminals in this whole section is Paul Griswold, a little negro boy about 15 years old, who is in jail on the charge of breaking into several houses and going in people's yards and running their chickens down and then go out and sell them in broad daylight.

— Washington *Progress*: Fifty foreigners went to Beaufort last week to work in the cannery there. They are said to be better morally and every other way than the negroes who have been doing this work. —— Some unknown person or persons took the A. C. L. engine on Saturday night and left here about 11 o'clock. It was stopped just this side of Pactolus and the engine reversed and abandoned. It ran back for about two miles and stopped, the steam giving out for want of water in the boiler. This was a most reckless and daring act. Had the steam held out and it had run back into the town at full speed there is no telling what damage would have been the result.

Two Pointed Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you can not get a better price for it?

Ans.—As there is no difference in the price the public will buy only the better, so that while our profits may be smaller on a single sale they will be much greater in the aggregate.

How can you get the public to know your make is the best?

If both articles are brought prominently before the public both are certain to be tried and the public will very quickly pass judgment on them and use only the better one.

This explains the large sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The people have been using it for years and have found that it can always be depended upon. They may occationally take up with some fashionable novelty put forth with exaggerated claims, but are certain to return to the one remedy that they know to be reliable, and for coughs, colds and croup there is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist. †

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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CURRENT COMMENT.

—— And now comes a report from San Francisco that Mr. de Young cannot take a seat in the Senate from California, because Mrs. Leland Stanford has said "never—if I can help it." Women seem to have power in other lands than China.—*Jacksonville (Fla.) Times-Union and Citizen, Dem.*

—— The Spanish government will probably lose nothing by delaying its ratification of the Peace treaty, until the American Senate has acted, but it might score a point, in case the latter body repudiates the agreement, by showing its willingness to accept the situation, and thus throwing upon the United States the onus of delay in the conclusion of peace.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Ind.*

—— Patronage seems to come handy, when senators need to be "convinced" that a treaty should be ratified, or any other administration policy sustained. Senator Kyle is the last one to have the scales fall from his eyes. For suddenness, the conversion of Saul of Tarsus isn't comparable to the changing of Kyle from a rapid anti-imperalist, into a rampant expansionist.—*Chattanooga Times, Dem.*

—— The Federation of Labor has put itself on record as opposed to a large standing army. In taking this stand the Federation of Labor is entirely justified. Great armies are a vast drain upon the public resources, and by so much as they cost they diminish the fund from which the pay of the laborer is drawn. But the Federation of Labor should have a care that by fomenting disorder and dissatisfaction among workingmen it does not put a new agreement in the mouths of those who think that orderly government cannot be maintained unless men are pricked to it at the point of the bayonet.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— "I see that Mr. Carnegie doesn't believe in expansion." "I s'pose he feels that he's got enough." —*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

— "They say the prison band started off well." "Yes, you see most of the convicts have a correct idea of time."—*New York Ledger.*

— "My doll can shut her eyes and go to sleep just lovely." "Huh! My doll never goes to sleep at all; she's got insomnia."—*Chicago Record.*

— "They met at a lawn party. Appropriate, wasn't it, seeing she was a grass widow?" "Yes, and he such a rake."—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

— "They say the way to win a man is talk to him about himself." "No; the way to win him is to let him talk to you about himself."—*Chicago Record.*

— First Loafer—"I believe I've got insomnier." Second Loafer—"Can't yer sleep at night?" First Loafer—"Yes, but I can't sleep in the daytime, too, like I uster."

— "Well, there's one good thing about most of our Congressman anyway." "What's that?" "They talk so much that there is little time left to pass needless and dangerous laws."

— Mrs. Bronson—"The Sillibys have reached an agreement with the owner of their flat house." Mrs. Marble—"So?" "Yes. Their children are to be allowed to visit them once a week."—*Life.*

— Mamma—"Bessie, how many sisters has your new playmate?" Bessie—"He has one, mamma. He tried to fool me by saying that he had two half sisters, but he did'nt know that I've studied arithmetic." — *Tacoma Ledger.*

— Harry—"Say, old man, I'm in a horrible fix." Fred—"What's up?" Harry—"I've gone and got engaged to two girls. How the dickens am I going to get out of it?" "Fred—"O, that's easy enough. Just contrive to get them together so that they can compare notes."—*Chicago News.*

HELPING A FRIEND.

A Statesman Who Was Willing to Give Up What He Had.

"There are those who say unkind things of the late Dan Voorhees," remarked a prominent Republican from the state of Indiana, "but whatever may be said it is political and not personal, for the man had one side to his nature that the whole world could admire, and that part of it which knew did admire and love as well. It was on this account that when he died there were many who shed sincere and sorrowful tears for his loss. They did not know him as a politician and a United States senator, but as a man and friend.

"I remember an instance showing his kindness and also showing one of the reasons why he was always poor. He had gone down the railroad some 80 or 40 miles from his home to defend a case in court which he had very little thought of getting any money for, though the litigant had plenty of property. He won the case, and, much to his surprise, his client gave him $100, which was also pleasant to have, as he had loaned to various applicants nearly all the money he had brought from home with him. He pocketed the hundred, and, after paying his hotel bill, started to walk leisurely to the train, due in half or three-quarters of an hour. On his way he was overtaken by a former friend, who hurried after him to ask his legal advice, free, of course, in the matter of staving off a mortgage on his $3,000 farm and saving it to his family. A hundred dollars would set it forward a year and give him that much time to pull himself out, which he was sure he could do. Voorhees talked ten minutes or more to the man, giving him such advice as he thought was best, and all at once he broke into a hearty laugh.

"'What's the matter?' asked the farmer, almost indignant at such levity.

"'Why,' still laughed Voorhees, going into the pocket where his roll of bills was, 'here I'm talking all this time to you when I've got the very thing you need. I had clean forgotten all about it. Here's what you want a good deal more than legal advice.' And, handing the farmer the $100 fee, he hurried along to the railroad station, where he borrowed money enough to buy a ticket home."—Washington Star.

Productive Power of the United States.

It appears that as regards quantity three Americans now export as much as five did 20 years ago, which suffices to show how groundless are the predictions of some writers who tell us that as population increases so the surplus products for exportation must diminish. In the last 20 years population has risen from 45,000,000 to 71,000,000 souls, an increase of 58 per cent, and at the same time the weight of exports has risen 175 per cent—that is, three times as fast as population.

The quantities of food yearly exported are sufficient to feed 80,000,000 persons in Europe, from which it appears that American farms raise food for 100,000,000 of people yearly. The western prairies are capable of carrying double the present number of live stock and producing ten times as much grain as they do, so that for at least a century to come there is every probability that the exportation of food will increase with population. The same is true as regards cotton, the crop having risen 125 per cent in 20 years.

The world is only beginning to have evidence of the enormous productive power of the United States.—Michael G. Mulhall, F. S. S., in North American Review.

NO OLD TIME AGUE NOW.

Days When People Had Regular Times to Shake Almost Unheard Of.

Those were the days when there were three synonyms for ague besides plain chills and fever. They were Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, and the greatest of these was Missouri. There were two divisions of severity in those days. Those who shook on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday made up one division, and those who shook on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and remitted with the other the next Monday were the other. In those days the invitations to social functions read:

"Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Laria present their compliments to Mr. C. A. Fever and beg to inform him that they will not be shaking on Tuesday, and would be pleased to have his presence at their dark green tea."

This would be the answer:

"Mr. C. A. Fever acknowledges the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Laria, but begs to inform them that Tuesday is his day to shake."

Many an otherwise happy social function was shattered, too, by the inability of the Mr. and Mrs. of the household to get their ague for the season started off on the same day. Of course under the circumstances the whole family would be compelled to miss the entire social season or disturb with their rattling or chattering every gathering they attended.

Today the dismissing sign reads, "This is my busy day." In early Missouri times, "This is my day to shake" was the correct form.

But all this is changed now. No longer is the congregation at church changed every Sunday, and no longer are two preachers, guaranteed not to shake on the same day, necessary. It was almost a point of the contract in those days. For the old time chills are no more and the ague has almost disappeared. There are a few places in the south where it is still the custom, but it very seldom crosses Mason and Dixon's line now. In some of the parts of Arkansas where typewriters and bicycle bloomers have not penetrated, there is yet some ague, but it seldom gets north of those secluded spots. At present Dr. G. O. Coffin, city physician, is treating two cases of real, old time fever and ague, but they are the first he has seen in Kansas City in ten years. He says:

Dr. D. R. Porter, who came here from Ohio 80 years ago, and has been here ever since, says he has not seen a case of old time chills and fever in five years. Dr. Coffin says it is because of the improved sanitary conditions. Dr. Porter says it is because people drink better water.

In the early days, Dr. Porter said to a reporter for The Star, three-fourths of his income came from ague patients. Doctors grew rich treating malarial poison. The favorite and principal prescription then was, "quinine, 20 grains," in as many variations as the doctor's education and medical dictionary could conjure him distinguished and high sounding terms to substitute for the word quinine. And when both ran short or the patients found it out and went prescribing for themselves it was an easy matter for the doctor and the druggist to get together behind the prescription case and agree upon something new and cryptogrammatic.—Kansas City Star.

Outwitted.

In connection with the ordnance inventions of Commander—afterward Admiral—Dahlgren, an amusing instance is told of how a young naval officer, Lieutenant Wise, frustrated the scheme of an English navy officer to get the plan of the new cannon, just then a matter of extreme interest to other nations. Lieutenant Wise had been detailed by the government to inspect the making of the cannon at the foundry of Alger, in Boston:

Yesterday I received a visit from Captain C., R. A. He made no kind of bones of asking for a look at the drawings, but I "regretted extremely they were locked up in the iron safe, and Mr. Alger kept the key."

He was very inquisitive and evidently taking mental notes. After awhile I was called out to the machine shop, and when I got back to the office I found my royal artilleryman gone, so I put into the foundry, and there I discovered him very busy measuring the diameters of the 11 inch pattern!

The instrument he used for this operation was a white grapevine stick he carried. He desisted, however, as I approached, and then I started him out of the works. It was late in the afternoon, and I accompanied him back to the city and introduced him to the club. There I secretly secured that remarkable stick and upon examination discovered four distinct notches. These I carefully pared off with a knife and notched a like number about four inches farther down.

It will be a wonderful gun to go on a bust with, if he ever has one made according to the dimensions I gave him. He did not discover my performance and went away with many thanks for my attentions.—Youth's Companion.

Funny Advertisements.

Curiously worded advertisements that are funny without intent are somewhat common in the London papers. A periodical offered a prize the other day for the best collection of such announcements, and the following is the result:

"Wanted, experienced nurse for bottled baby." "Furnished apartment suitable for gentlemen with folding doors." "Wanted room by two gentlemen about 80 feet long and 20 feet broad." "Wanted, by a respectable girl, her passage to New York, willing to take care of children and a good sailor." "A boy wanted who can open oysters with references." "Bulldog for sale. Will eat anything, very fond of children." "Wanted an organist and a boy to blow the same." "Wanted, a boy to be partly outside and partly behind the counter." "Lost, near Highgate archway, an umbrella belonging to a gentleman with a bent rib and a bone handle." "Wanted, good boys for punching." "To be disposed of, a mail phaeton, property of a gentleman with a movable headpiece as good as new."—Pearson's Weekly.

Two Great Victories.

Leipsic, a city of Saxony, has given its name to two great victories, which were won in its immediate vicinity. The first was by Gustavus Adolphus over Tilly, the great French marshal. This battle was fought at Breitenfeld, a few miles from the city. The victory gained by the allies over Napoleon was won after a battle which raged not only in a cluster of villages near the city, but also in the streets of Leipsic itself.

The Secret Out.

Mrs. Wickwire—Don't you ever make even the slightest attempt at manual labor?

Dismal Dawson—Mum, I am livin the way I am on a bet. I got a wager of $50,000 up that I kin live 80 years without workin.—Indianapolis Journal.

Why the Doctor Couldn't Go In.

A lady had been ill and under medical treatment for a long time. As she grew no better all the while, she became distrustful of her physician's skill and did not wish to see him, and yet was not bold enough to tell him so. She communicated her state of mind to her maid.

"L'ave 'im to me, mum, I'ave 'im to me!" said the girl.

By and by the doctor came to the door, and Bridget opened it about an inch.

"Sorry, sir," said she, "but ye can't come in the day, docthor."

"Can't come in? How's that?"

"The mistress do be too ill for to see ye the day, sir."—London Tit-Bits.

"Scratch Your Liver!"

"Scratch your liver!" was the cry which arose from the corner of the busiest and noisiest down town restaurant about 1 o'clock one afternoon. The patrons of the place dropped their knives and forks and looked up in amazement. The waiters did not act in the least surprised and reached for the bills of fare, drawing a pencil through the line, "Liver and bacon, 35 cents." The order came from the superintendent, who had received word from the chef that the dish had run out, and he was so busy at the time that he did not think how the shouted command would sound. —New York Mail and Express.

It is stated that since trees have been extensively planted in southern California the rainfall of the region has become much more uniform and favorable to agriculture. But there are other parts of the state in which the sawmills are wiping out the forests.

Chicago's inlet tunnel has a capacity of 19,000,000 gallons a day.

THE SWALLOW.

I doff my hat to the robin,
And I fling a kiss to the wren,
The thrush's song sets my heart throbbing,
For it makes me a child again.
But when you wing your airy flight
My soul springs up to follow,
I would be one with you, and I might,
For I love, love you, swallow.

I hear the many voiced chatter
Under the barn's broad eaves,
As clear as the rain's blithe patter
Or lisp of crisp poplar leaves.
I seem to learn the way to be glad.
Earth's joys no more seem hollow.
He who would flee from musings sad
Should learn to love you, swallow.

Your flight is a song that lifts me
A moment to upper air,
That with strangest power gifts me
To buoyantly match you there.
How high so'er your course may run
My eager thought doth follow.
Together we might reach the sun,
For I love, love you, swallow.

—Arlo Bates.

LOSSES IN THE WAR.

Lincoln's Terse Remark Concerning Elusive and Uncertain Re-enforcements.

General Horace Porter, in "Campaigning With Grant," in The Century, telling of the Cold Harbor campaign, says:

While at the mess table taking our last meal before starting upon the march to the James on the evening of the 12th, the conversation turned upon the losses which had occurred and the re-enforcements which had been received up to that time. The figures then known did not differ much from those contained in the accurate official reports afterward compiled. From the opening of the campaign, May 4, to the movement across the James, June 12, the total casualties in the Army of the Potomac, including Sheridan's cavalry and Burnside's command, had been: Killed, 7,621; wounded, 38,389; captured or missing, 8,966; total, 54,926. The services of all the men included in these figures were not, however, permanently lost to the army. A number of them were prisoners who were afterward exchanged, and many had been only slightly wounded and were soon ready for duty again. Some were doubtless counted more than once, as a soldier who was wounded in a battle twice and afterward killed may have been counted three times in making up the list of casualties, whereas the army had really lost but one man.

The losses of the enemy have never been ascertained. No precise information on the subject has been discovered, and not even a general statement can be made of his casualties. In a few of the battles of this campaign his losses were greater than the losses suffered by the Union troops; in the greater part of the battles they were less. Our re-enforcements had amounted to just about the same number as the losses. It was estimated from the best sources of information that Lee had also received re-enforcements equal to his losses, so that the armies were now of about the same size as when the campaign began.

All the re-enforcements organized in the north and reported as on their way to the front did not reach us. There was a good deal of truth in the remark reported to have been made by Mr. Lincoln: "We get a large body of re-enforcements together and start them to the front, but after deducting the sick, the deserters, the stragglers and the discharged the numbers seriously diminish by the time they reach their destination. It's like trying to shovel fleas across a barnyard; you don't get 'em all there."

The distinction among animals of requiring least sleep belongs to the elephant. In spite of its capacity for hard work, the elephant seldom if ever sleeps more than four or occasionally five hours. For two hours before midnight, and again for two hours after 1 o'clock, these misborn mountains sleep.

The Sure La Grippe Cure.

There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady, if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order, have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a bad cold; in fact, are completely used up. Electric Bitters is the only remedy that will give you prompt and sure relief. They act directly on your Liver, Stomach and Kidneys, tone up the whole system and make you feel like a new being. They are guaranteed to cure or price refunded. For sale at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. Only 50 cents per bottle. †

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute	7	@	7¼
Standard	7½	@	7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	13½
Sides ℔ ℔		@	8
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6¼	@	6½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5½	@	5¾
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	6¼
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each		@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 10
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	20	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	46	@	47
Virginia Meal	47	@	50
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	75	@	80
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	11
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10½	@	11½
Dairy Cream		@	11
State		@	10½
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	7½	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	16	@	17
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 75	@	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	8 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	4 35	@	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	3 00
Choice		@	3 50
Straight	3 75	@	4 00
First Patent	4 50	@	5 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	50
Car-load, in bgs—White		@	46
Oats, from store	40	@	45
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@	45
Cow Peas	50	@	75
HIDES—℔ ℔			
Green salted		@	6½
Dry flint		@	10
Dry salt		@	9
HAY ℔ 100 lbs			
Clover Hay	55	@	75
Rice Straw	40	@	45
Eastern		@	75
Western		@	75
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1¾	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5	@	7
North Carolina	6	@	10½
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogsheads		@	25
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 60	@	1 65
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	10 50	@	11 00
Rump	10 50	@	11 00
Prime		@	10 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	12
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool	75	@	80
American	70	@	75
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	47½
SHINGLES, 7-inch, per M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd	5½	@	5¾
Standard A		@	5¾
White Extra C	5¼	@	5½
Extra C, Golden		@	5
C, Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair		@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	4 50
Inferior to ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon, Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL, per ℔—Unwashed	10	@	15

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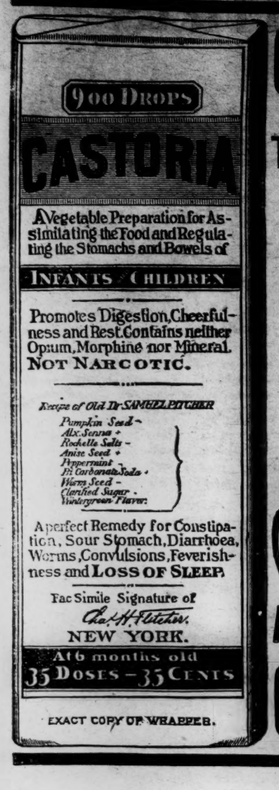
Spirits turpentine	31
Rosin



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MORTALITY OF SLANG

WORDS AND PHRASES THAT RUN WILD AND ARE SHORT LIVED.

The Use of Slang as a Habit Compared to Swearing and the Intemperate Use of Intoxicants—The Harm That Results From the Nonsensical Custom.

The Italian method of prefixing an s to a word to give it a damaging significance can be employed with good effect in christening that wayward and degenerate offspring of English known as slang. In its present state slanguage has attained to such a luxurious completeness that it warrants serious treatment. So copious and comprehensive has it become that there is hardly a human want, feeling or emotion of the heart that cannot be translated into the vernacular of the bootblack. In studying the philosophy of slang the first natural query is, How and why did it originate? To the first question one might give, with certain modifications, the same answer that would be given to the question, Why do people swear? The human animal, like a locomotive, seems to require escape valves for occasions when there is too much steam in the boiler. When a man is overflowing with admiration, anger or wonder, the ordinary adjectives do not (or he thinks they do not) meet the emergency. They do not relieve his pent up fullness any more than a sip from a dewdrop would quench a man's thirst. The natural man and the natural woman sometimes find relief under strong emotion in explosive utterances. In the case of anger the escape valve expletive is an oath unless the man in question happens to be a gentleman and sometimes, though very rarely, when he is.

It will thus be seen that slang, being of emotional ancestry, is a first cousin to the oath, and both are used by those who mentally resemble the man whose use of intoxicating drinks has made him forget or underestimate the attractions of pure water. Slang, in sooth, is a whisky distillation of language. It is so strong that it may be taken only very rarely with impunity, and herein lies the chief danger in its use. Not only does the slanguist find ordinary English tame, but he ends in not being able to find any English at all.

Another fatal characteristic of slang is the very one which at first secures its adoption—namely, its pungency. The same law that makes quiet colors and shades wear well in the world of fabrics has its counterpart in the world of speech. We tire very speedily of a startling costume, in high colors, and just as speedily do we tire of slang, which is startling, high colored speech.

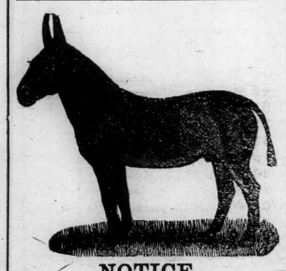
Still another reason why slang can never gain a permanent foothold in the language is its utter lack of dignity. No subject can be seriously treated in slanguage. Its sole function is to tickle by its patness or its grotesqueness. It reflects a fugitive iridescence upon current wit and humor, as like the bubble catches prismastic colors, but, like the bubble, it vanishes even while you behold it. Naturally there are slang phrases of all degrees of goodness and badness, ranging from the word which is only a slight remove from a forcible but perfectly decorous adjective to slang of the most daring, deep dyed order. At one end of the scale, for instance, one might place "fetching" and at the other end its superlative "rum." Again, the injunction "play ball" is gentle and seemly, in comparison with the brusque command "get a move on." Along certain lines the slanguist seems to revel in extravagant synonyms and antonyms, especially in those expressing some infirmity in the upper story. The man who has "wheels" is also popularly known as "nutty," "cracked" or "off his trolley." Again, if he comes from the country, he is "corn raised," has "seed in his hair," or his "face doesn't fit him." "Gall," "nerve," "cheek," "sand," "grass" and "face" are also nearly synonymous terms for qualities whose universality has made them a target for popular satire. Equally prolific is the slanguist in coining terms for money. "Dust," "tin," "sand," "rocks," "chink" and "spondulicks" are only a few of the words that translate "filthy lucer."

Two of the slang phrases now in gallingly frequent use are, "That's right," and "That won't cut much ice." The latter, it must be confessed, has certain cool figurative qualities which give it a saving color of grace. But most of these phrases rely chiefly upon their condensed expressiveness, which is the trademark of their American manufacture. They are but one of the many devices of the masses to compass a crosscut and avoid circumlocutions. Thus "snap" and "cinch" are time economy for a moneyed sinecure and an assured competence.

One of the surest tests of the rapid mortality of slang is the extremely painful sensation produced by hearing antiquated slang phrases used—and there are always people who are two or three or ten years behind in their use of such phrases. When other people are saying "Not on your tintype," the user of mildewed slang feebly ejaculates "I should smile." The piquancy and patness of certain phrases make it hard to declare that slang has no legitimate use. But concerning its misuse, there can hardly be two opinions among people whose opinions are worth anything. A careful study of the qualities of men and women who habitually interlard their remarks with slang will furnish anybody with a world of convincing conclusions in favor of pure English.—Critic.

The hagfish, or myxine, has a custom of getting inside the cod and similar fishes and entirely consuming the interior, leaving only the skin and the skeleton.

Gray horses are usually the longest lived. Creams are decidedly delicate and are seriously affected by very warm weather.



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Fortifications That Mean Danger to a Fleet of Hostile Ships.

Charles Rawson Thurston thus describes one phase of modern harbor defenses in St. Nicholas:

Various plans have been devised for the building of coast defenses of this kind. Even fighting turrets like those on monitors have been suggested and built. Some of them rise into sight only preparatory to the firing of the guns which they contain. Others are somewhat raised above the surface, and the guns disappear for loading. In either case, though, very ponderous and expensive machinery is required for them.

A disappearing gun set up in a pit similar to the mortar pit is more in favor. There are several styles of these, with various powers to elevate them, but all are lowered by the recoil of the discharge.

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But this is not all that is needed to make a bay or harbor defensible. These large guns would not be very dangerous to an enemy's fleet of torpedo boats. These move and turn very quickly, and once past the great guns the torpedo mines might be disposed of without much difficulty. To prevent such action by the enemy batteries mounting rapid fire guns are employed. The torpedo boats can change their courses with such rapidity that big guns cannot be trained on them quickly enough to be effective, and alongshore, opposite portions of the channel where torpedo mines are planted, are needed batteries of these small spitfires.

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Overdrafts unsecured	377 33	Undivided profits	19,564 01
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Due from app'd reserve agts	$156,149 69	" from banks	190,307 20
Due from other Banks	$165,220 57	" Individuals	666,502 36–906,769 56
Cash on hand	65,178 27–386,542 16		
Total	$1,162,383 57	Total	$1,162,383 57

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

	Dec. 1, '97.	Dec. 1, '98.
Total Deposits	$673,000	$906,700
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Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9.05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12.05 noon.

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Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 28 "
Leave Sanford	1 50 "
Leave Climax	3 44 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 15 "
Leave Greensboro	4 25 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 13 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 44 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 19 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 25 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 DAILY.
Leave Mt. Airy	8 45 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 09 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 36 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 13 P. M.
Leave Climax	12 42 "
Leave Sanford	2 30 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 49 "
Arrive Fayetteville	3 52 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 02 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 05 "

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Leave Bennettsville	8 00 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 03 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 30 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3. DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 38 P. M.
Leave Hope Mills	4 52 "
Leave Red Springs	5 35 "
Arrive Maxton	6 09 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

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Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M.
Leave Climax	8 30 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 55 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 65 "

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DAILY No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 3.49 7.15 P. M., Warsaw 9.03 P. M., Goldsboro 10.00 P. M., Wilson 10.43 P. M., †Tarboro 6.45 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.35 P. M. Weldon 12.50 A. M., †Norfolk 10.05 A. M., Petersburg 8.35 A. M., Richmond 9.28 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.33 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M., New York 1.08 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M, Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.56 P. M., Chadbourn 5.38 P. M., Marion 6 34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M., Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.20 P. M., Denmark 6.12 A. M, Augusta 7.35 A. M, Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M. Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 6.05 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.45 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.05 P. M., New York *9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.00 P. M., Wilson 2.35 P. M., Goldsboro 3.16 P. M., Warsaw 4.07 P. M., Magnolia 4.30 P. M.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12 09 P. M., Baltimore 2.25 P. M., Washington 3.46 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 8.12 P. M., †Norfolk 2.30 P. M., Weldon 9.43 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.22 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.53 A. M., Magnolia 8.05 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.25 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.07 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.17 P. M Columbia 6.50 A. M., Sumter 8.15 A. M Florence 10.00 A. M., Marion 10.40 A. M., Chadbourn 11.44 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.13 A. M.

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 23.

CONDITIONS IN HAVANA.

Gen. Lee Feeding Starving Cubans—Maj. Harrison Reprimanded for Raising the Stars and Stripes.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, December 22.—Major Russell Harrison, the provost marshal, who, on Tuesday, raised the stars and stripes over Fort Atares, without orders and in contravention of the promise of the United States Evacuation Commissioners that no flags should be raised in Havana or its suburbs until January first, was to-day reprimanded by Major General Lee and instructed to lower the flag. Lee reported a few hours later to headquarters that the flag had been lowered. Nevertheless, at the hour of filing this dispatch, 4.30 P. M., it is still flying on a tall staff over the famous fort, plainly visible from the harbor and city.

Feeding the Starving.

Major General Lee, having received a cable dispatch from General Alger, saying that the Secretary of War understood there were thousands of persons starving in Havana and directing him to feed them "without delay," immediately ordered Lieutenant Colonel Wood to distribute rations, and to make systematic efforts to feed the helpless, carefully avoiding waste. There are hundreds in Havana to-day who, though not actually starving, are in a deplorable state of weakness and disease, the effects of the cruel reconcentration policy.

They need hospital treatment which is not always available. Much of the wretchedness is due to the neglected condition of the tenements. Every day or so the relief distribut come upon dead bodies, terrible emaciated.

The Cuban Colonel Raoul Arange, with 600 Cuban horsemen, paraded in Jesus Del Monte to-day and then marched out again to camp. The United States transport Minnewaska, which left Savannah for Cuba on December 19 with the Forty-ninth Iowa regiment, arrived here this afternoon.

To-day the Spanish transports Ciudad de Cadiz and Neustria sailed for Spain, the former with 1,285 men and officers, bound for Santander and the latter with 1,033 men for Cadiz.

FAYNE STRAHAN MOORE.

Trial of the Woman Charged With Complicity in Playing the "Badger Game" on Martin Mahon.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The taking of evidence in the case of Fayne Strahan Moore, accused of robbery in the first degree, was resumed to-day before Recorder Goff. Three witnesses gave testimony confirming that of Martin Mahon, the alleged victim of the "badger" game. Then Mrs. Fannie E. Johnson, who lives in West Fifth-seventh street, where it is alleged Mahon took Fayne Strahan Moore, said she knew Mahon and also the defendant; but did not know William A. E. Moore. She testified that she had asked Fayne Moore in the Tombs why she did not turn State's evidence. Mrs. Johnson broke down at this point and shed tears. In reply to a question she said Fayne Moore said she would not turn State's evidence because Moore said he would kill her. The rest of her testimony was given up to arguing questions more or less relevant to the case, and then a waiter from the Metropole, who served dinner to Mr. Mahon and the alleged Mrs. Moore, was put upon the stand.

This ended the case for the prosecution. Mr. Levy the attorney for the defendant, moved for a dismissal of the complaint on the ground that the prosecution had failed to established its case. This motion was denied.

Annie Fitzgerald, matron of the city prison, was called as the first witness for the defence. She denied having heard Mrs. Johnson advise Mrs. Moore to turn State's evidence and also denied other parts of Mrs. Johnson's evidence. At this point the court adjourned.

THE NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY.

Seventy-ninth Annual Banquet Given at the Charleston Hotel—The Leading Speakers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., December 22.—The seventy-ninth annual banquet of the New England Society was given at the Charleston Hotel here to-night. The leading speakers of the evening were Senator George F. Hoar of Massachusetts, who responded to "Forefathers' day." Senator John L. McLaurin of South Carolina, who responded to "Our Country;" and the Hon. Jos. B. Cumming of Georgia, who responded to "The Mayflower." The banquet was a most elaborate and brilliant function, and there were seated at the tables one hundred guests. Senator Hoar's address was largely of an historical nature and touched but lightly upon the issues of the present day. Messrs. McLaurin and Cumming, however, took occasion to declare in more or less pronounced terms against the theory of expansion just now occupying so much public attention.

MYSTERIOUS SUICIDE.

Well-Dressed Woman Found Dead in Her Room in a New York Hotel.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 22.—A well-dressed, refined looking woman went to the Chittenden Hotel last night about 9 o'clock, where she registered as "Mrs. Ashton, of Pittsburg." She was assigned a room, in which she was found dead to-day, having committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. Two envelopes were found in the room, one with money to pay the hotel, and the other, addressed to the chief of police, containing the following: "My husband having died and left me alone I do not care to live. There is $77 in my purse in my corset waist. Bury me anywhere."

The note was printed with the evident purpose of disguising the writing, and all marks had been carefully removed from her clothing by the woman. The deceased appears to be from 30 to 35 years old. The body was taken to the morgue.

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THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR.

Testimony of Adj't Gen. Corbin Before the Investigation Commission.

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By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Adjutant General Corbin was the first witness before the war investigating commission to-day and was rigidly questioned regarding the selection of Camp Alger, Va. He testified that the removal of Camp Alger was directed by the Secretary of War himself and that its original establishment was recomended by Captain Seabum, of General Miles' staff. He (General Corbin) had said at the time it could not be a good camp ground because there was not sufficient range for rifle practice. He had understood from the Secretary of War that General Miles had something to do with its selection.

"Did General Miles protest against, or do anything against the selection of the camp?" was asked. "Not to my knowledge," was the answer.

General Corbin added that he did not know the reasons for the discontinuance of the camp.

Asked when he first seriously apprehended there would be hostilities, General Corbin said he might say he did not seriously contemplate war until it was a fact, for he had hoped to the last moment that it would be averted. On April 10th the army, for one of its size, was well equipped and thoroughly supplied. There never was an army, he said, better equipped, better clothed, better fed, or with a better morale than our army at that time. He said before the war there had been no complaint of refrigerated beef and that it was used by the armies of the world and in commerce. It was no new experiment.

"Seriously speaking," said General Corbin, "I do not think the War Department contemplated war until it was declared by Congress and appropriations were available. Of course the possibilities were thought of, but there were no general preparations except, so far as the department was able, to meet the possibilities that confronted it.

Do you know any thing about Gen. Miles' dispatch of June 24; I think a letter to the Secretary of War, in which he proposed to have the army march clean through Cuba and take 50,000 prisoners and work them and treat them kindly?" General Corbin was asked. "Yes, sir," was the answer, "that letter was received and did not receive the approval of the Secretary of War."

"I would ask you whether the plan of campaign against Santiago as adopted was recommended by Gen. Miles?" "No, sir. I do not think the recommendations made in the letter of May 27th were approved," was General Corbin's reply.

General Corbin said the matter of medical supplies and medical officers was left to the surgeon general, and that the President in every case would not listen to appointing a medical officer until recommended by the surgeon general on the ground of fitness.

General Corbin was asked how it happened if there was anything wrong at Chickamauga and Camp Alger that the inspector general did not report it. He replied that he did not see any of the inspector's reports from Chickamauga. He said he knew of no contracts during the war that were influenced by anything that was not entirely honest and fair to the government, and that there was no instance of favoritism in making appointments.

"How do you account," asked General Dodge, "for all these complaints against the various departments?" "To a want of realization of the severities of war."

The commission then adjourned until to-morrow.

THE WINES SEIZED.

Dispensary Constables at Charleston Give the New England Society a Lot of Trouble.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 22.—A special to the *Constitution* from Charleston, S. C., says.

Dispensary constables to-day seized the fine stock of wines imported here for the annual banquet of the New England Society which was given to-night. The wines were stored yesterday in the Charleston Hotel. When the stock was seized the Rev. Mr. Vedder, president of the society, appealed to the constables to surrender it, but his request was refused. The situation began to look serious. United States Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, was the guest of honor at the banquet, which was the most elaborate affair of the kind of the season. There was no chance to get other wines in the city. U. S. Senator McLaurin, of South Carolina, who delivered an address at the banquet, was seen and asked to use his influence to get back the liquors. He sent a warm telegram to Governor Ellerbe and advised him to make the constables deliver the goods. A short while afterwards a telegram from Columbia announced that the wines would be released. Sharp orders were sent to the constables and to-night the wine flowed as usual at the banquet.

The seizure is being indignantly discussed in Charleston.

ATTEMPT TO ROB A BANK.

The Thieves Foiled by the Cashier. Made Their Escape.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, December 22.—Three men attempted to steal a large amount of money at the German National Bank, this city, this afternoon. They came in at the front door and walked directly to the desk of Cashier Herzog. He was counting the money after the close of business and had a large amount of it on the counter. One of the men reached through the window in the wire screen and attempted to seize the pile of greenbacks. The cashier struck him on the hand and the men, seeing that their effort was futile, ran out of the bank and down the river landing. The police on both sides of the river are searching for the would-be robbers.

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BILL FOR INCREASE OF REGULAR ARMY.

Minority Substitute for the Hull Bill to be Reported to the House by Committee on Military Affairs.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 22.—The bill for the increase of the regular army which the minority of the House Committee on Military Affairs will offer as a substitute for the Hull bill, was written by Representative Hay, of Virginia, and is now in the hands of the War Department, where an estimate is being made of the cost of such a military establishment as it provides. The bill, as drawn, provides for a stading army of 30,000 men; 12,000 artillery, 8,000 infantry, 6,000 cavalry and engineer, ordnance and signal corps and general staff.

To meet the existing exigency for troops in Porto Rico, Cuba, the Philippines, Hawaii and the Ladrones, the bill provides that the President may issue a proclamation for fifty thousand additional volunteer troops to be enlisted for two years. These latter troops are to be commanded by officers appointed by the President. The organization is to be the same as in the regular army, the strength of the different arms of the service to be determined by the President. The present volunteers are to be mustered out within sixty days after the passage of the act, but volunteer organizations now in the service shall be given preference for enlistment in the new volunteer army if they so elect within fifteen days.

Mr. Hay will file the bill and the minority report on the Hull bill tomorrow with the clerk of the House. The main contention the report will make for the minority plan as against the Hull bill for a standing army of 100,000 men, is that the future of the Philippines and Cuba is yet undetermined, but that if the standing army is increaaed to 100,000 it will be almost impossible, no matter what may happen in the future, to reduce it. The report will say that a standing army of 100,000 will cost the people of the United States $165,000,000. This, added to the $145,000,000 for pensions, will bring the cost of the military establishment up to $310,000,000, the largest charge in the world for a military establishment.

The naval establishment would bring the total up many millions more. Mr. Hay estimates that a standing army of 30,000, with 50,000 additional volunteers, would cost $100,000,000; but this charge might continue only for two years.

MANILA AND PORTO RICO.

Encouraging Reports Received at the War Department As to the Conditions at Both Places.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 22.—Encouraging reports of the condition of affairs in Manila and Porto Rico reached the War Department to-day from the officers commanding the troops in those departments. The dispatches from both General Otis at Manila, and General Henry at San Juan, were in response to telegraphic inquiries by the Secretary of War, based on reports of a disquieting nature which had reached the officials here. That from General Otis was particularly gratifying to the President and Secretary Alger. It is as follows:

"*Manila, Dec. 22.*—Adjutant General, Washington—Believe city never more quiet. Order prevails. Native population greatly augmented in three months. Volume of business increasing. Conduct of troops good. Most favorably commented on by citizens. Discipline improving. Disorders are promptly punished, as business of courts show. Newspaper articles published in the United States, Hong Kong and Singapore without element of truth. Military rule firm, as demanded by circumstances.

(Signed) "OTIS."

The dispatch from General Henry is as follows:

"*San Juan de Porto Rico, Dec. 22.*—Complaints of disorderly conduct unknown here. If specific charges can be sent, investigation and if necessary punishment, will follow. Subordinate commanders have been apprised of your telegram.

(Signed) "HENRY, commanding."

TROUBLE WITH NEGROES.

A Street Car Conductor at Macon, Ga., Attacked by a Colored Soldier. Killed His Assailant.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MACON, GA., December 22.—Private Turner, of the Sixth Virginia regiment, was shot and almost instantly killed by O. A. Thrower, a street car conductor, this afternoon. Turner boarded Thrower's car very drunk and used the vilest language imaginable in the presence of ladies. Thrower then pulled him out of the car to the rear platform and kept him there until a lady got off. While Thrower was assisting the lady off, the negro kicked him several times and applied more vile epithets. A negro on a trailer car then called Turner, but after a short talk he returned to Thrower's car and with a knife in his hand swore he would cut Thrower's head off and advanced on him. As he stepped on the platform Thrower fired, the bullet striking the negro in the mouth. He died in fifteen minutes. A crowd of negroes, soldiers and civilians, soon gathered and swore vengeance on Thrower and all street car conductors. One conductor was chased several blocks by the negroes. Guards have been placed on all cars on the line leading to the negro camps and the camp to-night is under strong guard, to prevent an outbreak on the part of the negro soldiers.

AN EPIDEMIC OF GRIP.

Nearly Thirty Thousand People in Philadelphia Suffering—Several Deaths Reported.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 22.—It is estimated that between 25,000 and 30,000 persons in this city are suffering from grip, and doctors report the epidemic on the increase. At the board of health to-day six deaths were reported to have occurred within the last twenty-four hours, directly due to grip, and about twelve other deaths were traced indirectly to the same cause. All the hospitals have an unusually large number of grip patients, and in several instances the sufferers have lost their reason and have to be strapped to their beds. Of 140,000 school children, nearly 10,000 are sick at home. City councils could barely raise a quorum to-day, there were so many absentees from grip.

Reports received from Eastern Pennsylvania and South New Jersey point to an epidemic of the disease in those sections.

SANITATION IN SANTIAGO CITY

Special Commissioner Porter's Report to the Secretary of the Treasury.

STREETS ABSOLUTELY CLEAN.

Severe Measures Resorted To—People Making Sewers of Thoroughfares Publicly Whipped—Law Courts Reorganized.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Robert P. Porter, special commissioner for the United States to Cuba and Porto Rico, has returned from Santiago and has submitted his report to the Secretary of the Treasury. While in Porto Rico Mr. Porter held public hearings, and all persons interested in the welfare of the island were invited to submit statements and give oral testimony. The Chamber of Commerce, representing the commercial and industrial interests of the province, responded. The machinery of the military government, Mr. Porter says, is running with a fair degree of smoothness, and the men responsible for it understand their business thoroughly.

Cleansing Santiago.

The disagreeable smells of the typical Cuban city, Mr. Parker says, are less pronounced in Santiago, while whitewash, limewash, fresh paint and all sorts of disinfectants have deodorized the surrounding atmosphere and the old town is quite habitable. The streets are no longer used as sewers, and the unhappy individual who violates the law and escapes the lash of the sanitary commissioner's whip, is compelled to work on the streets for thirty days. This official, Maj. Barbour, with 126 men dressed in spotless white and thirty-two good United States mule teams and carts, having dug out from the streets of Santiago the filth of ages, is now able to keep them absolutely clean. Every day, by the aid of petroleum, the garbage of the city is burned.

The Work of Sanitation

Is not confined to the streets but extends to the dwelling houses, shops and buildings of all kinds. To accomplish this, however, the doors of houses had to be smashed in and people making sewers of thoroughfares were publicly horsewhipped in the streets. Eminently respectable citizens were forcibly brought before the commanding general and sentenced to aid in cleaning the streets they were in the habit of defiling. The campaign has ended in a complete surrender to the sanitary authorities and the inhabitants of Santiago, regardless of class, have had their first object lesson in the new order of things inaugurated by the war. Several important streets have been repaired, all the public buildings have been thoroughly cleaned, the work even extending to the Opera House. The law courts, which were abolished when General Shafter took the city, have been reorganized. The Supreme Court, the report continues, is composed of carefully selected Cuban judges, the appointees nominated wholly on account of legal attainments. In the same manner local government has been restored and native mayors and officials appointed, the only requirement being that persons accepting such offices all take the oath recognizing the military occupation of the island by the United States, but in no way committing them to any future form of government.

Taxes and Other Revenues.

The Spanish, when in possession of Cuba, not only assumed control of the judiciary, but of the municipal government, the larger portion of the taxes raised for municipal purposes being diverted, with the other revenues, into channels which, says the report, either led to Spain or into Spanish pockets. Mr. Porter advises that these taxes hereafter be used exclusively for local purposes, and as far as may be practicable, that they be collected and disbursed by properly constituted local authorities. The rural districts of Santiago have been so depleted that it will be impossible to collect taxes over and above those needed for the bare necessities of the schools, for the poor, and possibly small sums to improve the sanitary conditions.

Work on Country Roads.

The dawn of prosperity, however, should be the signal for inaugurating systematic work on the country roads. The money expended on roads, whether from the general funds of the island or from the local budgets would come back a hundred-fold, it is stated, and make Santiago one of the richest sugar, coffee and fruit growing districts in the West Indies. Now that the customs tariff has been disposed of, Mr. Porter recommends that an immediate scheme be prepared for levying and collecting internal revenue for the entire island. The question of separating these taxes from purely municipal taxes should be considered also. The large amount of delinquencies during the last three years, which amounted to about $6,000,000, was, of course, due to the war.

BATTLESHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Examination Disclose, That the Ship is More Seriously Injured Than Was Anticipated.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 22.—The battleship Massachusetts which is in the timber dry dock at the Navy Yard, Brooklyn, was entirely uncovered today. From a hole in the bottom of the Masschusetts several long splinters of wood were taken. This is thought at the navy yard to indicate that the ship struck the wreck of a barge which sunk off Governeur's island several years ago and which at extremely low water has been a menace to navigation ever since. The examination of the battleship disclosed three large dents in the port side of the vessel forword. One of the officials told a reporter that the injuries were much more serious than had been anticipated. The three plates, he said, would have to be removed, and replaced with new ones. It was his opinion that the vessel would have to be put out of commission for the present

ARRIVALS AT SOUTHPORT.

Steamer Armeria and Revenue Cutter Hamilton Came in Yesterday.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

SOUTHPORT, N. C., Dec. 22.—U. S. steamer Armeria arrived this afternoon to supply oil to Baldhead light and the lights on Cape Fear river.

The revenue cutter Hamilton came in to-night and anchored off Baldhead.

RALEIGH NEWS ITEMS.

Southern Railway to Increase Wages. Sale of the C. F. & Y. V. R. R.—Legislators Seeking Accommodations.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 22.

The Southern Railway will increase the wages of its employes ten per cent. after January 1st. This is a restoration of the schedule in force before 1893.

There is a report here that the Southern will buy the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway. It has generally been supposed that the S. A. L. would buy it

Governor Russell will soon appoint two more Democrats on the board of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institution, thus making the board Democratic.

There is not a vacant store now in Raleigh.

The boarding-house keepers refuse to rent rooms to legislators before they come to Raleigh. Experience has taught them that the legislators generally change in a few days from the boarding house where they first stop. However, there will be no lack of good accommodation for the legislators.

The penitentiary will probably be the first place where the Legislature will make a clean sweep.

Peace Institute and St. Mary's closed to-day for the Christmas holidays.

The foundation for the new church of the Good Shepherd has been laid, and the work will now be pushed.

MRS. BOTKIN'S TRIAL.

The Prisoner on the Witness Stand—She Denied the Testimony of State Witnesses.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 22.—The defence of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, for the murder of Mrs. Jno. P. Dunning, opened to-day, but the progress made in the breaking down of the case of the prosecution was very slight.

Mrs. Botkin was called on the stand at a late hour this afternoon. She told of her acquaintance with Dunning, denying many of his statements. She also denied much of the testimony of Lizzie Livernash, a reporter, who testified to the hysterical condition of Mrs. Botkin when informed of Mrs. Dunning's death, and of several incriminating admissions made by Mrs. Botkin in interviews with her.

She denied ever having purchased candy of Haas or that she ever purchased a handkerchief of the City of Paris. She will continue her testimony to-morrow.

AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL.

Call for a Convention to be Held in Washington, D. C., December 29.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A call was issued to-day by Bishop Alexander Walter, president of the National Afro-American Council, for a convention of colored people, under the auspices of the council, at Washington, on Dec. 29. "All organizations having for their object the amelioration of the condition of the Afro-American race are invited to send delegates. The objects of the conference as announced are: To raise funds for the prosecution of lynching parties and to test the constitutionality of the laws in some Southern States disfranchising negroes; to resist political and race discrimination against the negro; to secure the better treatment of convicts; to secure Federal appropriation for school funds of the Southern States; to encourage industrial and higher education, and "to recommend a healthy emigration from terror-ridden sections of our land to more law-abiding sections."

Dr. MOSES D. HOGE.

All Hope of Recovery Abandoned by His Physician—May Die at Any Hour.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., December 22.—All hope of the recovery of Rev. Dr. Moses D. Hoge has been abandoned by his physician, Dr. Hunter McGuire. He is sinking steadily, and though he may live several day, he may die at any hour.

The British Admiralty, it is reported, has just placed orders for four warships with shipbuilders on the Clyde.

The Third and last battalion of the Tenth infantry, U. S. A., sailed from Charleton for Cuba on the Ward Line steamer Saratoga yesterday.

Radford, Va., reports the return to that place of a posse of revenue officers from the raid on moonshiners on the North Carolina border. Several stills were cut up, thousands of gallons of beer destroyed and three moonshiners captured.

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Camera For Sale—A "Vive" Camera and complete outfit for sale at a reasonable price. Takes picture 4¼x4¾. May be seen at the STAR office. de 23 tf

Yes! I have a nice Turkey or Goose that will suit you at a very reasonable price. Come and make your selection or call either 'Phone No. 39. I will serve you to your entire satisfaction. H. J. Bierman, 215 Market street. de 22 tf

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W. M. Cumming, Real Estate Agent and Notary Public, offers for rent a Store on Market street, between Front and Second at $30 a month. oc 5 tf

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Christmas Photographs.—Come and see my Christmas display of genuine Caobonet Photographs. They are up-to date in style and finish. U. C. Ellis, 114 Market street. no 22 1y

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